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SUBJ: UPPER VOLTA'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON KOREA SUBMITTED BY COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED POWERS

REF: (A) OUAGA 2212; (B) USUSN 4094; (C) STATE 193693

1. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA
SEPTEMBER 15, I EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT UPPER VOLTA HAD
DECIDED TO CO-SPONSOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREA IN SPITE
OF REPEATED ASSURANCES BY GOUV OFFICIALS THAT UPPER VOLTA
INTENDED TO REMAIN STRICTLY NEUTRAL ON KOREAN QUESTION.

2. LAMIZANA REPLIED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO HAD
INFORMED HIM THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO CO-SPONSOR A RESOLUTION
WHICH WOULD DO AWAY WITH UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN SOUTH
KOREA. SINCE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT USG NO LONGER OBJECTED TO
THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND, LAMIZANA HAD NOT
OBJECTED TO CO-SPONSORSHIP AND HAD ASSUMED RESOLUTION
WOULD BE APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3. I EXPLAINED TO LAMIZANA THAT THERE WERE TWO RESOLUTIONS
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ON KOREA BEFORE UNGA, ONE SPONSORED BY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

AND ANOTHER BY NON-COMMUNIST STATES. I POINTED OUT THAT HOSTILE RESOLUTION WENT FAR BEYOND DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND AND THAT WHAT WAS REALLY CONTEMPLATED WAS THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA.

4. LAMIZANA SAID THAT THIS MATTER HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AT A CABINET MEETING PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO'S DEPARTURE. THE POSITION AGREED UPON WAS THAT UPPER VOLTA WOULD REMAIN STRICTLY NEUTRAL ON KOREAN QUESTION AND WHILE IT MIGHT EVENTUALLY AGREE TO DISSOLUTION OF U.N. COMMAND, IT WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS WHICH IT CONSIDERED STRICTLY A BI-LATERAL MATTER BETWEEN ROK AND USG. SINCE THERE SEEMED TO BE A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY UPPER VOLTA AND INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO ZERBO, PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD ASK ZERBO FOR AN EXPLANATION.

5. ROK CHARGE KIM SAW LAMIZANA LATER SAME DAY AND COVERED SAME GROUND. HE CAME AWAY WITH IMPRESSION THAT LAMIZANA INTENDED TO TELEPHONE ZERBO IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY EVENING TO ASK FOR CLAIRIFCATION.

6. KIM AND I AGREE THAT LAMIZANA IS SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE TO MAINTAIN STRICT NEUTRALITY ON KOREAN QUESTION AND THAT, INSOFAR AS THEY UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM, A MAJORITY OF CABINET MEMBERS SHARE THIS DESIRE. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ZERBO HAS DELIBERATELY MISLED THE PRESIDENT ON THIS MATTER BUT WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT ANYTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT. KIM SAYS THAT, IF UPPER VOLTA MAINTAINS ITS CO-SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, HE WILL RECOMMEND CLOSING ROK EMBASSY IN OUAGA. I MUST ADMIT THAT, IF ROK CANNOT COUNT ON UPPER VOLTA'S NETRUALITY ON KOREAN QUESTION, THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE JUSTIFICATION FOR MAINTAINING AN EMBASSY HERE.

7. REVERSING ZERBO'S DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION WOULD BE MAJOR STEP FOR LAMIZANA TO TAKE. IT MIGHT LEAD TO ZERBO'S RESIGNATION AND CREATE SPLIT AMONG MEMBERS OF MILITARY REGIME. I DO NOT BELIEVE THE CONSERVATIVE OFFICERS, INCLUDING LAIZANA, WHO FORM MAJORITY

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WITHIN MILITARY REGIME, WOULD FEEL STRONGLY ENOUGH ON THIS MATTER TO CONTEMPLATE SUCH A STEP.

8. CABINET WILL MEET TOMORROWMORNING (SEPT 17) AND IT IS LIKELY THAT ZERBO'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION WILL BE DISCUSSED. IF ANYTHING IS TO BE DONE, CABINET SHOULD HAVE BEFORE IT OFFICIAL FRENCH TEXTS OF BOTH DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDA. FRENCH TEXTS OF

UNGA DOCUMENT A/10191 IS NOT AVAILABLE HERE AND WE KNOW
THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY DOES NOT HAVE IT.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT SEND US BY
IMMEDIATE CABLE OFFICIAL FRENCH TEXT OF UNGA DOCUMENT
A/10191 OF AUGUST 8, 1975 INCLUDING ANNEX I. IF FRENCH
TEXT ARRIVES IN TIME, KIM HAS UNDERTAKEN TO GIVE IT EARLY
TOMORROW MORNING TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER BONDE TOGETHER
WITH NAME OF JUNIOR VOLTAN OFFICIAL (PAUL D.KABORE) WHO
SIGNED HOSTILE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF
UPPER VOLTA.
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